

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for tracking messages delivered via a short message service (SMS) comprising the steps of:
 - receiving, at a gateway, a message destined for a mobile device;
 - assigning a unique identifier to the received message;
 - recording the received message and the unique identifier in a database accessible to the gateway;
 - forwarding the received message from the gateway to the mobile device,
 - wherein the forwarded message sent from the gateway to the mobile device includes an origination address, the origination address being derived from the unique identifier; and
 - allowing either of ~~or~~ a sender or a recipient of the message log in to the gateway to access and view the message recorded in the database.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the forwarding step includes the step of sending the message to a short message service center (SMSC).
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the sender of the message received at the gateway communicates with the gateway via the Internet

network to a second communication device connected to a second network, the system comprising:

a database and a gateway, the database connected to the gateway and the gateway connected to the first and second network, the gateway including a microprocessor which is programmed to:

receive the message sent from the first communication device destined for the second communication device,

assign a unique identifier to the message,

record the message and unique identifier in the database,

forward the message to the second communication device connected to the second network,

wherein the origination address of the forwarded message is derived from the unique identifier; and

allow a user of either of the first or second communication devices to log in to the gateway to access and view the message recorded in the database.

11. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the first network is the Internet and the second network is the short message service (SMS) network.
12. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the first communication device is a personal computer and the second communication device is a mobile device.
13. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the first communication device communicates with

the gateway via the Internet using a web browser, the gateway further being programmed to allow a user of either the first or second communication devices to access and view a reply message recorded in the database.

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the second network is a short message service (SMS) network and the gateway is connected to a short message service center (SMSC).